

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2018-35-C

IN RE: Petition of the North American
Numbering Plan Administrator
(NANPA) on Behalf of the South
Carolina Telecommunications
Industry for Relief of the 803 NPA

ORDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA") on behalf of the South Carolina Telecommunications Industry ("Industry") for relief for the 803 Numbering Plan Area ("NPA").

On January 25, 2018, Neustar, Inc., in its role as the NANPA, filed a Petition informing this Commission that, absent numbering plan area relief, the supply of central office codes for the 803 numbering plan area will exhaust during the fourth quarter of 2020. NANPA therefore requested that this Commission approve the Industry's consensus recommendation of an all-services distributed overlay of the 803 NPA. This overlay would assign a new NPA code to the same geographic area as the 803 area code, and all existing customers would retain the 803 area code and would not have to change their telephone numbers. Ten-digit dialing by all customers between and within area codes in the area covered by the new area code would be required. This 803 NPA overlay plan was unanimously agreed to by the Industry over an alternative that would have eliminated the area code boundary between the existing 803 NPA and the 843/854 NPAs. NANPA did not suggest an area code split for the 803 NPA because no split alternative consistent with the NPA Relief Planning Guidelines could be developed.

On February 26, 2018, NANPA requested that the Commission cancel the hearing scheduled for August 14, 2018 and related requirements because its Petition “represents the unanimous consensus decision of the Industry and the instant proceeding is uncontested.” NANPA also requested that the Commission waive the requirement that NANPA publish the “Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines” (“Notice”). The Commission denied the request to waive publication of the required Notice but held in abeyance the request to cancel the August 14, 2018 hearing pending the close of the intervention period on June 20, 2018. Sprint Communications Company L.P. (“Sprint”) and the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (“SCTC”) each filed Petitions to Intervene pursuant to Commission rules. Both of these petitions indicated support for the 803 NPA overlay plan recommended by the Industry. No other parties filed interventions.

On June 22, 2018, NANPA submitted a letter renewing its request for a waiver of the hearing and prefiled testimony requirement in this proceeding. The letter noted that Sprint and SCTC support the relief requested and that the Office of Regulatory Staff does not oppose the request. In support of its request, NANPA also filed a verification from its NPA Relief Planner, Heidi Wayman, confirming the statements put forward in the Petition under consideration that led Neustar to recommend the all-services distributed overlay plan selected by the Industry as the preferred means of relief for the 803 NPA, and to propose the 13-month schedule, also agreed to by the Industry, for implementing that overlay NPA.

After a full examination of the record before us, including the verification submitted by NANPA’s NPA relief planner, we believe that we can properly rule on the merits based on the

Petition filed by Neustar as the NANPA, since the Industry unanimously supports the all-services distributed overlay of the 803 overlay and the stated 13-month implementation schedule.

Accordingly, we hold:

- 1) That the hearing in this matter is cancelled;
- 2) That the area code overlay for the 803 NPA and the 13-month implementation schedule are approved;
- 3) That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Comer H. Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Elliott F. Elam, Jr. Vice Chairman

(SEAL)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **CARL E. BELL**, hereby certify that I have, on this **11th day of July, 2018**, filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina the ***Proposed Order of NANPA on Behalf of the South Carolina Telecommunications Industry for Relief of the 803 NPA***, and served upon the parties listed below by email at the following person(s) addresses:

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